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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD

SUBJECT: Status of United States Programs for National Security as of December 31, 1952.

REFERENCE: NSC 135

The President has directed that the departments and agencies responsible for the several national security programs prepare for the information of the President and the National Security Council reports on the status of these programs as of the end of the calendar year in relation to our national security objectives. These reports will serve to bring up to date the status reports contained in NSC 135.

In connection with the report on the psychological program as of December 31, 1952, pursuant to this directive, the President has suggested that the content of this report be determined by the Psychological Strategy Board in consultation with other departments and agencies as may be appropriate and with the assistance of the NSC Reporting Unit.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Psychological Strategy Board submit by February 1, 1953, a report on the status of the psychological program as of December 31, 1952, as directed above.

From the security point of view, it is requested that this report be prepared as a submission to the President. If any parts of it are particularly sensitive, recommendations should be included as to the circulation of such sensitive parts to the other members of the National Security Council and to the department or agency heads associated with the Council in the formulation of national security objectives.

The President added that he has found very helpful the steady flow of information on the national security programs which has been submitted to him from the various departments and agencies via the NSC Reporting Unit. The President expressed the desire that the departments and agencies continue to cooperate in maintaining this flow.

S/ James S. Lay, Jr.

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